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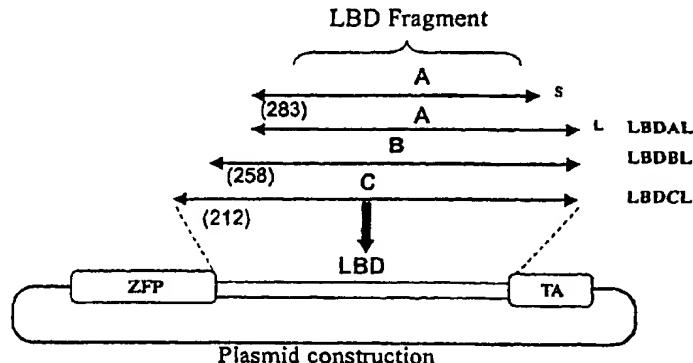
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ZEP	Binding Sequence	Chimerics Constructed
C7	GCG TGG GCG	AS, BS, CS, AL, BL, CL
E2C	GGG GCC GGA g	AS, BS
2C7	GCG TGG GCG GCG TGG GCG	AS, BS, CS

(57) Abstract: Fusion proteins for use as ligand-dependent transcriptional are provided. The fusion proteins include a nucleotide binding domain operatively linked to a ligand-binding domain. They also can include a transcription regulating domain. The nucleotide binding domain is a zinc-finger peptide that binds to a targeted contiguous nucleotide sequence of from 3 to 18 nucleotides are provided. The fusion proteins are used for gene therapy. Also provided are polynucleotides encoding the fusion proteins, expression vectors, and transfected cells.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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PCT/EP 00/10430**Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)**

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 47-68 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. Claims Nos.: 22 25 because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of Invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 22 25

Present claims 22 and 25 relate to fusion proteins which are defined by the nucleic acid sequence SEQ ID Nos 1-18 of the expression plasmids comprising the coding sequence of said fusion protein. Such a definition does not allow a meaningful database search to be carried out as it is not possible to ascertain from either the figures or the description of the present application where the coding sequence of said fusion proteins is located within the expression plasmid.

The claims 22 and 25 are thus considered to lack clarity within the meaning of Article 6 PCT to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claims impossible.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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